

RUNNING DOWN THE THUGS.

The Paris Secret Service and Its Thorough-Going Methods.

AT PAPA DEIBLERS' DEATH MATINEES.

An Execution by Guillotine and How it Affects the Populace—No Sentiment Wasted Over the Condemned Men.

"A good police is the corner-stone of civilization." This is the motto adopted by the chief of the Paris secret service, M. Gustave Mace, for the guidance of his justly celebrated body of men.

One of the many innovations introduced by the Paris secret service is the French system of measuring criminals, says a writer in the New York World.

The modern guillotine looks something like an old-fashioned scale. On a pedestal there are two parallel columns, set at a proper interval. On the inside of each of these columns there is a groove in which the knife fits and runs.

The sliding measure is made to take the proportions of the body lengthwise while the thick measure is for the head, the face, roundness of arms, legs and trunk.

When sentence of death is pronounced on a criminal at the court of assizes, where he is tried by judge and not by jury, and where he is allowed almost unlimited freedom in his methods of defense, he is brought to La Roquette.

A weak back, with a weary aching lameness over the hips, is a sign of diseased kidneys. Use the best kidney curative known, which is Burdock Blood Bitters.

of a few blighted willow trees and several old wooden benches, occupies the space between the two prisons, and is crossed by the narrow La Place de la Roquette. It gives birth to a narrow street, paved with high cobble stones and without sidewalks, which climbs up a steep hill, and with grim observance of the proprieties, finds its terminus a few rods from the guillotine.

Each side of this doleful thoroughfare is lined with the yards of tombstone designers and marble cutters and the shops of dealers in those hideous black-head death emblems which the French are so fond of placing on the tombs of their departed friends.

They jest, sing and make night hideous waiting for the time when the news of the beheading within shall have reached them. It is impossible to see anything. The high walls, the closed gates and the sentinels, reinforced by soldiers, present a formidable barrier to the intruder and morbid sightseer.

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There are different sized boards for different sized people, a glance at the police blotter giving the exact measurement for a comfortable fit. A "death" scale, which is nothing else than a bath-tub lined with zinc, receives the head. As soon as the prisoner, dressed in his best suit of clothes, has been measured and registered, M. Deibler, the headman, places his signature across the blotter and the history of the condemned man is finished.

He is made to sit on a low stool, while one of the aids binds his legs with knotted cords. These ligatures are wound round the lower part of the leg near the ankle. Another deputy sheriff ties the hands together. The cord is knotted "for precaution's sake," according to M. Mace. Two other cords are tightly drawn around the shoulders and are fastened to one big knot with three binding the hands, three tight ligatures compel the "patient" to hold his head erect, throw back his shoulders and present a military appearance.

A last binding unites the legs with the hands, tying the man up in a heap until he resembles a fowl trussed for roasting. "Thus prepared," said M. Mace, "the man walks slowly,"—as well he might—"held up by deputy sheriffs until he reaches the board with the semi-circular end underneath the fatal knife. As this board is long, the saved end, with its place for the head, rests up in the air, in the manner of a seesaw.

Like FATHER DAMIEN. Heroism of Father Bakker Among the Lepers of Guiana. Bishop William Wulffingh, of Dutch Guiana, preaches at St. James' Catholic church at 10 o'clock, Sunday morning, recently at 10 o'clock, says the Baltimore Sun.

"Harper's Magazine" for July is ready, and there has never been a better July number. The variety is all that could be desired. The pictures are beautiful, but when all is said and done, it must be conceded that Daudet is immense.

There is no prison in the world which has so dismal a setting as that of La Roquette, Newgate in London, and the cells of St. Brevin, in the suburbs of Paris. It is almost in the suburbs, but its environment possesses neither the charm of country nor the cheerfulness of town.

on the banks of the great rivers on plantations. A great portion of the inhabitants are heathens. They consist of the aborigines, or Indians, and of blacks who some centuries ago ran away from their masters and live today in precisely the same manner as the inhabitants of the African continent. It is believed that savages live in the depths of the woods who have never seen the face of a white man.

The work of the missionaries in that country is in the first place to convert the heathens. These unknown inhabitants of the forest must be reached at any cost. But the work is accompanied by no fewer difficulties than those which Stanley encountered in crossing Africa.

The present governor of the colony, a most estimable man, shows himself disposed to second the bishop in all his efforts to prevent the spread of the disease and if possible to stamp it out. The bishop intends, if means are forthcoming, to erect a hospital and obtain the aid of sisters to attend the lepers.

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